

We claim:

1. A method for diagnostic testing comprising:
  - obtaining a first specimen;
  - 5 obtaining a second specimen;
  - positioning the first specimen in a first well of a carrier;
  - positioning the second specimen in a second well of a carrier; and
  - separating the first well of the carrier from the second well of the carrier.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising subjecting the first specimen to a test.
3. The method of claim 1 further comprising subjecting the second specimen to a test.
- 15 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising preserving the second specimen for use in a subsequent test.
5. The method of claim 1 further comprising providing a carrier having a first well, a second well, and a specimen-handling tool disposed within at least a portion of the carrier.
- 20 6. The method of claim 1 further comprising providing a carrier having a separator disposed between the first well and the second well, the separator adapted to permit the separation of the first well and the second well.
- 25 7. The method of claim 1 further comprising providing a composition adapted to detect the presence of *Helicobacter pylori* in the first well.
- 30 8. The method of claim 7 further comprising providing a composition adapted to detect the presence of *Helicobacter pylori* in the second well.

9. The method of claim 1 further comprising providing a composition adapted to detect the presence of *Helicobacter pylori* in the first well.

10. A method for diagnostic testing comprising:

5            providing a carrier having a first well, a second well separable from the first well, and a specimen-handling tool disposed within at least a portion of the carrier;

            obtaining a first specimen;

            obtaining a second specimen;

10           positioning the first specimen in the first well of the carrier with the specimen-handling tool;

            positioning the second specimen in the second well of the carrier with the specimen-handling tool; and

            separating the first well of the carrier from the second well of the carrier.

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11. The method of claim 10 further comprising subjecting the first specimen to a test to determine the presence of *Helicobacter pylori*.

12. The method of claim 10 further comprising subjecting the second specimen  
20 to a test to determine the presence of *Helicobacter pylori*.

13. The method of claim 10 further comprising preserving the second specimen for use in a subsequent test.

25 14. A method for conducting diagnostic testing comprising:

            obtaining a first biopsy specimen and a second biopsy specimen;

            disposing the first biopsy specimen in a first well of a carrier;

            disposing the second biopsy specimen in a second well of a carrier; and

30           separating the first well of the carrier from the second well of the carrier.

15. The method of claim 14 further comprising subjecting the first specimen to a test to determine the presence of *Helicobacter pylori*.

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